

HARGROVE, SMELLEY, STRICKLAND & LANGLEY

JOSEPH L. HARGROVE, JR.
DAVID L. SMELLEY
PAUL A. STRICKLAND
GLENN L. LANGLEY
LOUISE F. PEARCE
T. ISSAC HOWELL
MAGAN F. CAUSEY

(A PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION)
AMERICAN TOWER, SUITE 600
401 MARKET STREET
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71101-3239

THOMAS J. WYATT (1942-1996)

MAILING ADDRESS
POST OFFICE BOX 59
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71161-0059
TELEPHONE (318) 429-7200
TELECOPIER (318) 429-7201

June 12, 2007

OF COUNSEL
WILLIAM G. CONLY

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Formation, Reservoir B, and Cotton Valley
Formation, Reservoir D, BEAR CREEK FIELD, Bienville
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir B, and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir D, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from each of these formations.
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from each of these formations, such units being shown on attached plats and being designated HOSS RB SUA and CV RD SUA.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To designate an operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed units as may be appropriate.
5. To propose that future wells drilled to these formations, within or outside of the units proposed herein, be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
6. To permit applicant to combine downhole production from HOSS RB SUA and CV RD SUA in any well drilled on these proposed units in which the interests of the parties in these units are identical.
7. To define the Hosston Formation, Reservoir B, as the stratigraphic equivalent of that interval encountered between the measured depths of 7,356 feet and 10,637 feet in the J-W Operating Company--Harrison 23 No. 1 Well, located in Section 23, Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.
8. To define the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir D, as the stratigraphic equivalent of that interval encountered between the measured depths of 10,637 feet and 12,858 feet in the J-W Operating

Honorable James H. Welsh
June 12, 2007
Page 2

Company--Harrison 23 No. 1 Well, located in Section 23, Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

9. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to either of these formations.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 21010 Vermont Street, Livingston, Louisiana 70754. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 686-2355 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

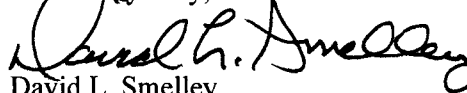
By letter dated May 31, 2007, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set June 22, 2007, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the conference was received within ten (10) days after the date of said letter; therefore, no pre-application conference will be held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of each of the unit plats showing the units proposed to be created (which are identical to the plats attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of each of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bear Creek Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,

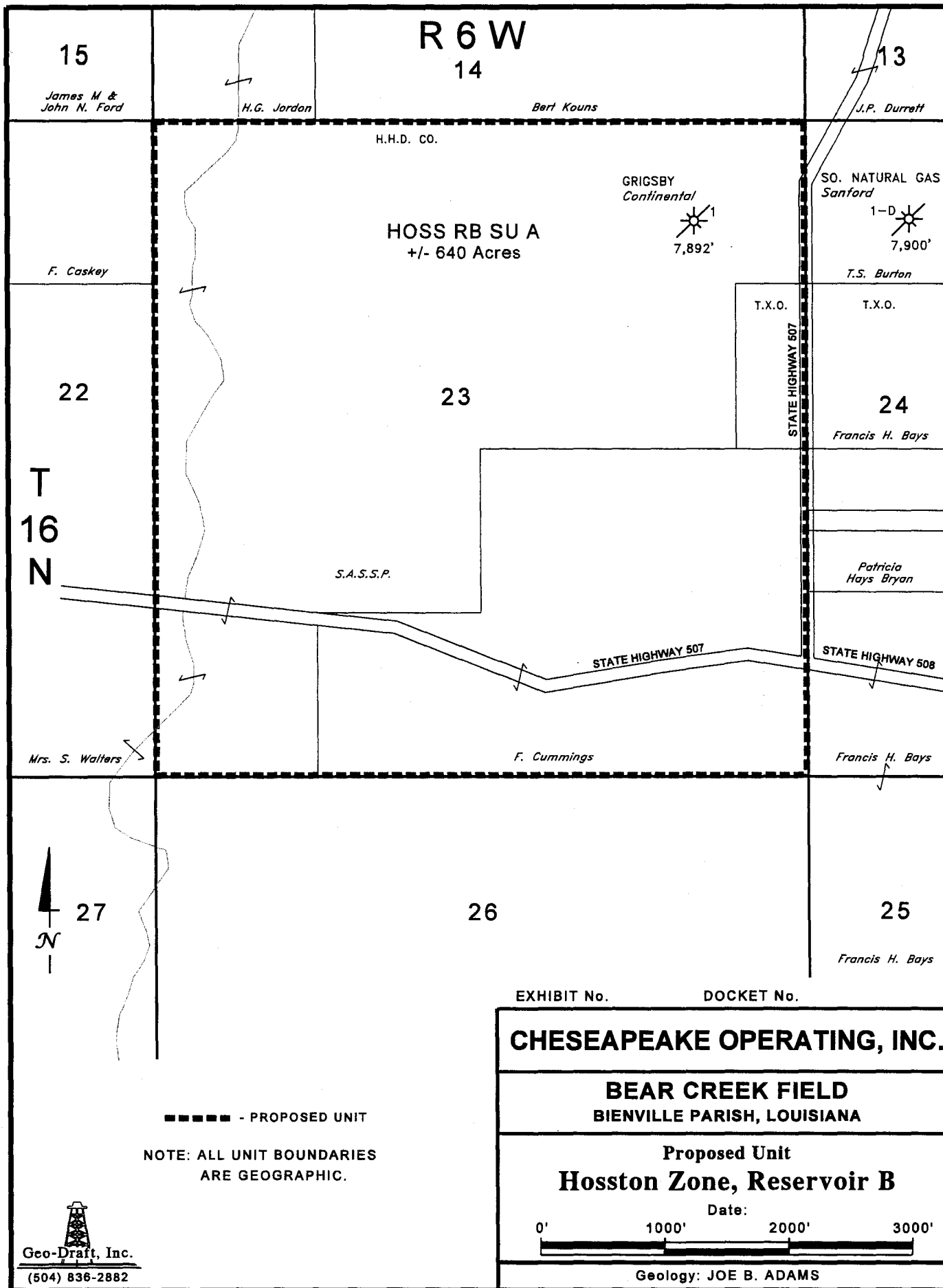


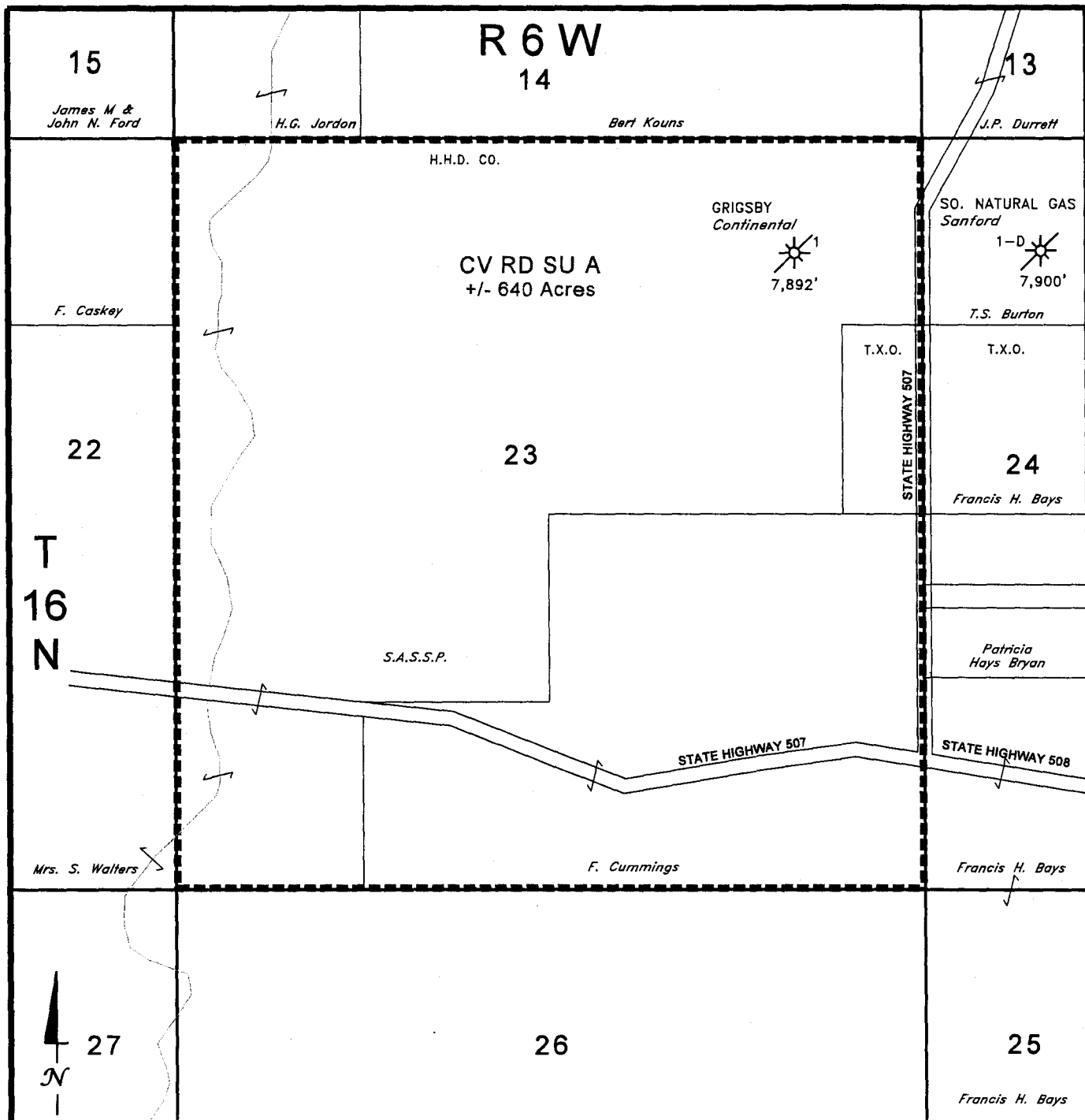
David L. Smelley

Attorney for Chesapeake Operating, Inc.

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Ms. Denise Cramer (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plats only)





----- - PROPOSED UNIT

NOTE: ALL UNIT BOUNDARIES
ARE GEOGRAPHIC.



EXHIBIT No.

DOCKET No.

CHESEAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.

BEAR CREEK FIELD
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

Proposed Unit
Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir D

Date:



Geology: JOE B. ADAMS